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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2009 | | Docket Number (Optional) 616562000300 | | |
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| (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Application Number 10/581,507 | | Filed (intl.) December 1, 2004 | | |
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| For FERMENTATION PROCESS, STARTER CULTURE AND GROWTH MEDIUM | | | | |
| Art Unit 1651 | | Examiner | K. Aria | ani |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. | | | | |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): | | | | |
| F-7 | <u>Fee</u> | Small Entity Fee | | |
| One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$130 | \$65 | \$ _ | |
| X Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$490 | \$245 | \$ _ | 245.00 |
| Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1110 | \$555 | \$_ | |
| Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1730 | \$865 | \$ | |
| Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2350 | \$1175 | * \$ _ | |
| X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | | | |
| A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. | | | | |
| Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. | | | | |
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| The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952 | | | | |
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| I am the applicant/inventor. | | | | |
| assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). | | | | |
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